

November 14, 2003

Mr. J. I. Palmer, Jr., Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Updated Boundary Recommendations for South Carolina Based on 2003 Ozone Monitoring Data

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On October 27, 2003, a letter was submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning a revision to South Carolina's July 14, 2003 8-hour ozone boundary recommendations submittal (copy enclosed). At that time the 8-hour ozone data had been verified through September 30 and entered into EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) database. The review of the 8-hour ozone data through October 31 (the end of South Carolina's ozone season) has now been completed. A copy of the letter to EPA concerning the verification of the 2003 8-hour ozone data is enclosed.

Please consider this letter a formal request to remove from the South Carolina 8-hour ozone boundary recommendations those portions of the following counties that were included in the July 14, 2003 submittal: Darlington, Florence, Aiken, Abbeville, Pickens, and Cherokee. These areas should be designated as attainment. Enclosed as Attachment 1 please find an updated Table 1 that should replace Table 1 in the Introduction section of the *Boundary Recommendations for the 8-Hour Ozone Standard in South Carolina* document that was submitted to EPA on July 14, 2003. Also enclosed is a table with the 2003 8-hour ozone design values.

Please feel free to contact Renee Shealy of my staff at (803) 898-4299 or by e-mail at shealyrg@dhec.sc.gov should you have questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,

R. Lewis Shaw, P.E., Deputy Commissioner
Environmental Quality Control

Enclosures (4)

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Attachment 1

Table 1 South Carolina Recommended Area Designations Ozone (8 Hour Standard)		
Area, or portion thereof	Designation Type	Classification Type*
Anderson	Non-attainment	
Columbia	Non-attainment	
Greenville	Non-attainment	
Spartanburg	Non-attainment	
Remainder of State	Attainment/ Unclassifiable	

** Classification type cannot be determined because the federal 8-hour ozone implementation rule has not been finalized. The Department respectfully requests that EPA not finalize designations until the implementation rule has been finalized. States should be provided the opportunity to fully understand what implementation of the 8-hour ozone standard means to a given area and given the opportunity to update these recommendations accordingly.*